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The purpose of this Administrative Bulletin (AB) is to provide guidelines for the content and format of initial psychiatric evaluations utilizing CDC Form 128-C, Medical/Psychological Chrono.


CDC Form 128-Cs are written by medical staff to provide information to other medical personnel, or to provide health care information to nonclinical staff who are required to make decisions affecting inmates. Nonclinical staff may include Institution/Unit Classification Committees, Parole Agents, and Transportation or Housing Unit/Work Supervisors. Nonclinical staff who have responsibility for inmate treatment should be aware of the special health conditions, restrictions, limitations, symptoms, or behavior that may be exhibited by inmates.

Inmates requiring psychiatric evaluation should be given a complete psychiatric evaluation to determine diagnoses, classification recommendations treatment levels, and treatment plans. Each of these four components is critical to ensure that inmates are properly classified, safely housed, and appropriately dealt with by custody, program, and clinical staff.

The participation of medical and nonclinical staff in the daily treatment and programming of mentally ill patients is essential to optimal health care. All staff charged with providing mental health care require adequate data for sound decisionmaking. Additionally, all staff involved are required to observe departmental and legal requirements concerning confidentiality.

The following headings are commonly used elements of an adequate psychiatric evaluation performed for clinical or forensic purposes and should be addressed in the CDC Form 12-C:

1. Identifying Data and Criminal History
2. Complaints/Problems
3. Past Psychiatric History
4. Developmental/Social/Family History
5. Substance Abuse History
6. Medical Problems
7. Psychotropic Medications

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Subsequent CDC Form 128-Cs that recommend changes or continuation in category classification, treatment level, etc., should include sufficient data to support the recommendation.

Please inform all persons concerned of the contents of this bulletin which shall remain in effect until incorporated into the Department Operations Manual, Sections 54060, 61030, 62050, and 62080. Any inquiries regarding this bulletin should be addressed to Nadim Khoury, M.U., Assistant Deputy Director, Office of Health Care Services, at (916) 324-0876 or ATSS 454-0876.

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